

Dixwell Road

13th. Mar.

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British subject involved in a fight with Japanese subject.

and

Inspector Watson.

Sir,

At 5.15.a.m. 12-3-37, a telephone message was received from the North Szechuen Road Station, S.C.G.P.B. reporting a British subject detained there having been involved in a fight with a Japanese in the Venus Cafe, Jukong Road and requesting that someone be sent to take him over. Inspector Watson attended and brought to this Station one named Samuel George Shaw, British subject of Japanese extraction, age 28, M/ship-owner residing at No. 3/195 Route Chisi.

At 5.30.a.m. 12-3-37, J.P.C. 92 also brought to the Station a Japanese named Shigeo Takeda, age 35, dancing instructor, residing at No.131 Darroch Road whom he found on North Szechuen Road near Jukong Road bleeding profusely from his right hand, and who on being taken to the Foo King Hospital was certified by the Doctor to be suffering from "Lacerated wounds of the right hand, not serious".

Questioned by D. S. Craig, Japanese detectives and the undersigned Shaw stated that he was leaving the Venus Cafe with two gentlemen and a lady friend when he accidentally bumped into Takeda and tramped on his foot, the latter insisting that it was done intentionally and demanding an apology with the result that several blows were struck until the parties were separated by a Russian witness named Nikolay Nikolaevich Chernomoeleff and Mr. Levy, proprietor of the Venus Cafe. Mr. Shaw stated he then got into his M/car, Licence No.1216, Chinese Lic. No.3681, when Takeda jumped on the running board and again demanded an apology. Failing to get this he deliberately smashed his fist through the near side front glass panel sustaining the injuries as stated above. This is corroborated by the Russian witness. Mr. Shaw

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then got down from the car and was arrested by Chinese Constables No. 2478 and 4684 of the S.C.G.P.B. and taken to the North Szechuen Road Station, his car and friend meanwhile, being driven away by Mr. Shaw's chauffeur.

Takeda's statement is substantially the same but the Japanese insists that Mr. Shaw was entirely to blame for the incident although he admits he does not know whether the first collision was intentional or not but considered he was entitled to an apology and which not being forthcoming made him take the action he did. After these enquiries had been completed neither party wished to take any further action and the incident was amicably settled by Shaw apologising to Takeda and the latter offering to pay for the damage done to the window of the car. This was witnessed by Japanese Consular detective G. Miyao and Interpreter S.V. Liu of the S.C.G.P.B. and the Japanese manager of the Venus Cafe Mr. S. Sato. All concerned then left the Station at 8.30.a.m. 12-3-37.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. Morrison
Inspector.
Officer in

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Special Branch.

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